

Fairtrade Foundation factsheet

Fairtrade products for your school: getting started



There are now more than 3,500 products which are licensed to carry the FAIRTRADE Mark and more and more places to find them!

Check out our website to find out what's available ...

Go to http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/products/retail_products/default.aspx or click on 'products' on the Fairtrade Foundation home page. Search for the product you are looking for and find out who manufactures it. For example, you might want to click on the following:

- For your **school tuck shop**: Juice and soft drinks (and smoothies); Cereals and bars; Nuts; Fruit; Dried fruit
- For your **stall** at an event: Biscuits; cakes and brownies; chutney and preserves, chocolate, etc.
- For your **staff room**: Tea; coffee; biscuits; Juice and soft drinks
- For your **school uniforms and PE lessons**: Cotton (for tailor-made uniforms, shirts and polo-neck sweaters); Sports balls
- For your **school canteen (see overleaf)**

Each manufacturer will be able to tell you which wholesaler or catering company stocks their product

Some of the companies that can supply your school with a range of FAIRTRADE Mark products include:

Traidcraft - through Traidcraft's youth campaign they can deliver Fairtrade products direct to your school

Schoolwear

Marks & Spencer, Tesco, Cotton Roots, Makara, Bishopton Trading, David Luke and Kool Skools.
Tarameen can also provide aprons.

Sportballs

Fair Deal Trading

Delivered Wholesalers:

3663 - Launched and Ethical list in 2007 and continues to grow to over 30 products now

Brakes - Supply a wide variety of ambient and Fresh items

Booker - A wide variety of branded and own label products available for foodservice

Peros - Now 10 years old - Peros is the leading Ethical wholesaler for Foodservice

Premcrest - offer a wide range of Fairtrade products- specializing in universities

Contract Caterers:

Compass- 100% Sugar and Bananas, over 300 products available on their approved product list

Aramark- 100% Sugar and Bananas

Also - **Brookwood Partnership, Sodexo** and **Elior** all offer Fairtrade

For a full list of companies, please go to: www.fairtrade.org.uk/catering_products or
http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/products/wholesaler_suppliers.aspx

You can also find fresh fruit and many other products in your local supermarkets: **Asda, Booths, Budgens, Lidl, Marks & Spencer, Nisa, Somerfield, Spar, the Co-op, Sainsbury's, Tesco, Waitrose & Morrisons**

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in the canteen



Ask your existing supplier or LEA

The best starting point is your existing supplier or LEA. Find out if they're prepared to supply Fairtrade products. If enough schools ask for them, suppliers will realise that there is a good opportunity for them to please you, their customers. So use your influence and if your supplier or LEA isn't offering FAIRTRADE products, ask why not! Be ready with answers to their objections, such as:

"I don't know where to get them from"

The 'Out of Home' Directory on the Fairtrade Foundation website lists all companies who can supply catering products for canteens by region including those mentioned above:

www.fairtrade.org.uk/catering_products for suppliers to canteens, vending machines or cafés.

Our wholesaler list shows those companies that can offer products to your suppliers at:

http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/products/wholesaler_suppliers.aspx

"It's too expensive"

There are over 200 registered catering distributors competing on price and offering a variety of brands. It may be more expensive, but with some products, such as coffee, the price difference will probably be no more than a few pence per cup. And the more we consume, the more the price will drop.

"There's not enough demand"

Demand for Fairtrade products has significantly increased across all sectors in 2008. In particular, the public's appetite for Fairtrade products in schools, colleges and universities has nearly tripled from 10% to 29%. (*TNS CAPI OmniBus 2008*)

Finally, you can recommend the Fairtrade Foundation Report '**Buying into Fairtrade - procurement in the private and public sector**' available to order from www.fairtrade.org.uk/resources or download from http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/includes/documents/cm_docs/2008/b/buying_into_fairtrade.pdf

And don't forget you can find out who supplies what from our individual product list from http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/products/retail_products/default.aspx (see overleaf)

Good luck!



"Fairtrade is significantly contributing towards the social improvement of our community and providing a better future for our youngsters."

Silver Kasoro-Atwoki, Mabale Growers Tea Factory Ltd, Uganda & Fairtrade Foundation Board Member

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